

Roles & Responsibilities

New Brunswick Education Act

Roles of parents

13(1) In support of the learning success of his or her child and the learning environment at the school, a parent is expected to

- (a) encourage his or her child to attend to assigned homework,
- (b) communicate reasonably with school personnel employed at the school his or her child attends as required in the best interests of the child,
- (c) cause his or her child to attend school as required by this Act,
- (d) ensure the basic needs of his or her child are met, and
- (e) have due care for the conduct of his or her child at school and while on the way to and from school.

13(2) The parent of a pupil has a right to reasonable consultation with the pupil's teacher or the principal of the school the pupil attends with respect to the education of the pupil.

13(3) It is the responsibility of the parent of a pupil and of school personnel to conduct themselves in a respectful manner and to follow established procedures when involved in communications concerning the pupil.

Duties of pupils

14(1) It is the duty of a pupil to

- (a) participate in learning opportunities to his or her potential,
- (b) accept increasing responsibility for his or her learning as he or she progresses through his or her schooling,
- (c) attend to assigned homework,

- (d) attend school regularly and punctually,
- (e) contribute to a safe and positive learning environment,
- (f) be responsible for his or her conduct at school and while on the way to and from school,
- (g) respect the rights of others, and
- (h) comply with all school policies.

14(2) It is the right of a pupil to be informed of his or her educational progress on a regular basis.

Duties of teachers

27(1) The duties of a teacher employed in a school include

- (a) implementing the prescribed curriculum,
- (b) identifying and implementing learning and evaluation strategies that foster a positive learning environment aimed at helping each pupil achieve prescribed learning outcomes,
- (c) maintaining a deportment consistent with his or her position of trust and influence over young people,
- (d) exemplifying and encouraging in each pupil the values of truth, justice, compassion and respect for all persons,
- (e) attending to the health and well-being of each pupil,
- (f) maintaining his or her professional competence, and
- (g) assisting in the development and implementation of the school improvement plan and cooperating in the preparation of the school performance report.

27(2) A teacher employed in a school is accountable to the superintendent of the school district through the principal of the school for the performance of the teacher's duties and the overall educational progress of the pupils under the teacher's instruction.

Duties of principals

28(1) The principal of a school

(a) is the educational leader and administrator of the school and has overall responsibility for the school and for the teachers and other school personnel employed at the school, and

(b) is accountable to the superintendent of the school district for the performance of the principal's duties and the overall educational progress of the pupils enrolled in the school.

28(2) The duties of a principal include

(a) preparing, in consultation with the Parent School Support Committee and the school personnel, a school improvement plan and coordinating its implementation,

(b) preparing, for parents of the pupils enrolled in the school, an annual school performance report, and ensuring that that report is communicated to those parents and the school community,

(b.1) submitting annually to the District Education Council concerned, through the superintendent of the school district, a copy of the school improvement plan and a copy of the annual school performance report,

(c) ensuring that reasonable steps are taken to create and maintain a safe, positive and effective learning environment,

(d) participating in the selection of school personnel for the school,

(e) encouraging and facilitating the professional development of teachers and other school personnel employed at the school,

(f) evaluating the performance of teachers and other school personnel employed at the school,

(g) being accountable and responsible for funds provided to and raised for the school,

(h) ensuring that provincial, school district and school policies are followed, and

(i) ensuring the establishment of and participating in the operation of a Parent School Support Committee at the school.

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